

Application No. 10/553,733
Attorney Docket No.: 053253
Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-11, 13-17 and 19-21 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-3, 8, 15 and 21 are herein amended. Claims 6, 12 and 18 are herein cancelled.

Specification Objection

The specification was objected to due to the word “weigh” in paragraph 13. “Weigh” has been changed to --weight--. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 6, 8, 15, 18 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

The limitations of claims 6 and 18 have been included into claims 1 and 3 respectively. In addition, the limitations of original claims 6 and 18 have been modified to provide antecedence for the limitation “acrylic resin.”

Regarding claims 8, 15 and 21, the Office Action states that it is unclear how the limitation “which is used for heat resistant joints” further limits the scope of claims 1, 2 and 3 respectively. Claims 8, 15 and 21 have been amended for clarification.

Withdrawal of the § 112 rejections is requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that claims 6, 12 and 18 recite allowable subject matter.

The Office Action states that claim 12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims; and claims 6 and

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18 would be allowable if amended to overcome the § 112 rejection and to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 6 (modified for overcoming the § 112 rejection); claim 2 has been amended into independent form to include the limitations of claim 1 and allowable claim 12; and claim 3 has been amended into independent form to include the limitations of claim 1 and allowable claim 18 (modified for overcoming the § 112 rejection). Thus, amended claims 1, 2 and 3 correspond with allowable claims 6, 12 and 18, respectively.

Claims 4, 5, 7-11, 13-17 and 19-21 depend from either claim 1, 2 or 3.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-5, 7-11, 13-17 and 19-21 is hereby solicited.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicant submits that that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicant requests such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,
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